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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
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U.S. Patent Documents

Hinchliffe et al. 5,833,698 11/10/1998

These documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-  
1449 (submitted in duplicate), and copies are enclosed  
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The documents listed in this Statement were first  
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WO 99/62415

Applicants submitted this search report and the references cited therein with the IDS filed 4/17/02.

WO 00/56223

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WO 00/56226

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WO 01/41624

Applicants submitted this search report and the references cited therein with the Second Supplemental IDS filed 11/12/02.

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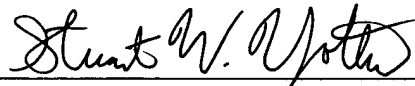
Kaster et al. 5,366,462\*

Hinchliffe et al. 5,833,698

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this  
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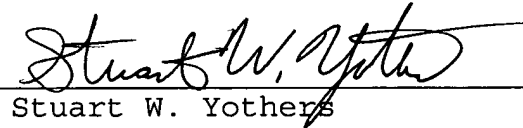
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